

# STATE OF COLORADO

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Staff Maintenance Branch-Transport Permit Office  
4201 E. Arkansas Ave., Rm 290  
Denver, Colorado 80222



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 9, 2005

**TO:** Commerical Carriers traveling in Colorado  
Colorado State Patrol  
Colorado Ports of Entry

**FROM:** Wayne Lupton, Superintendent, Maintenance & Operations,  
Colorado Dept of Transportation

**RE:** Hurricane Relief Permit Waiver and Routing

In addition to the September 1, 2005 memorandum issued by this Department, this directive is issued for further clarification and to expedite further relief efforts.

Effective immediately and continuing through October 31, 2005, the CDOT Permit Office will issue oversize and overweight permits at no charge to vehicles transporting equipment, supplies or material for emergency relief or humanitarian aid to those in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida that have been declared disaster areas by federal or state proclamation. Vehicles exempt from the fee must be in compliance with either Colorado regulations pertaining to the movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads defined in 2 CCR 601-4, or as stated below and described as an "Envelope Vehicle." An Envelope Vehicles must be routed by the Permit Office the same as any other OS/OW application *unless exempted herein from obtaining a permit when traveling only on the route designated below.*

Oversize and/or overweight vehicles or loads that are greater than the Envelope Vehicle requirements specified herein that are transporting emergency or humanitarian relief equipment or supplies to federal and state declared disaster areas will be issued route specific permits with applicable permitting fees waived.

The Department has designated a route that Envelope Vehicles may use only if transporting materials, equipment or supplies to be used in the emergency disaster relief, as stated above. An Envelope Vehicle that meets all the requirements of this memorandum for dimensions, weights, axle configurations and measurements and travels on the designated route described is exempt from the permit process. Any Envelope Vehicle or other vehicle traveling on any route or portion of a route that is not exclusively stated herein shall be subject to the Permit process and will travel only upon permit issuance by the CDOT Permit Office.

### I. ENVELOPE VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS



- A. An Envelope Vehicle shall be a truck-tractor and one semi-trailer combination. No LVCs will be allowed under this exemption from the permitting process or fees at this time.
- B. The Envelope Vehicle may transport either non-divisible or divisible loads.
- C. The truck-tractor and semi-trailer combination, when laden or unladen, must not exceed the dimensions, weights, axle configurations and measurements as follows:

**TABLE 1.**

<b>1. Minimum no of axles</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2. Single Axle cannot exceed</b>	<b>25,000 pounds</b>
<b>3. Tandem Axle group cannot exceed</b>	<b>40,000 pounds</b>
<b>4. Triple Axle group cannot exceed</b>	<b>50,000 pounds</b>
<b>5. Gross Vehicle Weight cannot exceed</b>	<b>95,000 pounds</b>
<b>6. Maximum overall width cannot exceed</b>	<b>12 feet</b>
<b>7. Maximum overall height cannot exceed</b>	<b>14 feet</b>
<b>8. Maximum overall length cannot exceed</b>	<b>90 feet</b>

- D. A vehicle meeting the qualifications stated in paragraphs A. through C. and Table 1. above may travel seven days per week/24 hours per day without a permit only on the highways stated in Table 2. However such movement is subject to construction restrictions as may occur on said route.
- E. Envelope Vehicles exceeding legal width of 8'6" or exceeding legal length of a semi-trailer of 57' 4" must display an "OVERSIZE LOAD" sign across the front and rear of the vehicle. Such signs shall be constructed of a durable material with a yellow background and black letters, and either 5 feet wide, ten inches high with one inch wide brush stroke letters at least eight inches high; or a sign 7 feet wide, 18 inches high with 1.4 inch brush stroke letters not less than ten inches high.
- F. Envelope Vehicles traveling during hours of darkness must have one flashing yellow light in the front and at least 2 but not more than 3 flashing yellow lights at the extreme rear.
- G. The carrier assumes full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, person and property resulting from such movement or travel.
- H. All carriers moving an Envelope Vehicle must have FEMA authorization, a bill of lading stating one of the Disaster Relief areas as the destination, or other authorization for movement papers designating the purpose of the movement is in direct response to disaster relief efforts.



## II. DESIGNATED ROUTE FOR ENVELOPE VEHICLES

- A. The designated route has been determined as the most practical route allowing movement from the Northwest part of the United States towards the affected disaster area.
- B. The designated route does not contain any bridge structures that are load restricted however the Department of Transportation does warrant condition of structures in this memorandum. As with all movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles and Loads the carrier assumes all liability for damage or injury to persons, property and roadway appurtenances.
- C. Envelope Vehicles are not subject to the permit process or payment of OS/OW fees only on the following route:

TABLE 2.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION	ROUTE
Wyoming State Line to Kansas State Line	25-76-270-70

## III. MANUFACTURED HOUSING

- A. Transporters under contract by FEMA to transport manufactured or mobile homes for Hurricane Katrina disaster area relief may use the route listed herein without paying a fee or obtaining a permit.
- B. The dimensions in Table 1. can not be exceeded by these movements.
- C. Vehicles and loads must have appropriate signs, lights, and flags as required in Colorado regulations.
- D. Submitting proof of liability insurance is waived however the carrier assumes full responsibility for any and all damages to roads, bridges, person and property resulting from such movement or travel.
- E. All carriers moving an Envelope Vehicle must have FEMA authorization, a bill of lading stating one of the Disaster Relief areas as the destination, or other papers designating the purpose of the movement is in direct response to disaster relief efforts.

cc: CDOT:

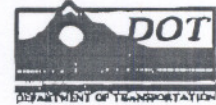
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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: September 1, 2005

TO: CDOT OSOW Permit Office  
CV Carriers

FROM: Craig Siracusa, Chief Engineer, Colorado Dept. of Transportation

RE: Relief Efforts in Response to Hurricane Katrina

*Thom E. Nolta*  
*for Craig Siracusa*

We recognize the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Katrina on the city of New Orleans, the entire state of Louisiana, and surrounding states. In response to the devastating loss of life and property resulting from the hurricane and the subsequent flooding, all rescue and relief efforts are of the utmost importance.

Because of the Labor Day weekend travel restrictions on Commercial Vehicles in Colorado, some relief efforts may be affected by the no travel times. Therefore, the Holiday Hours of Restrictions stated in the "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Transport Permits for the Movement of Extra-Legal Vehicles or Loads," 2 C.C.R. 601-4, are shall be modified as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 below.

1. Carriers will be required to submit an application to the State of Colorado, however the processing fee will be waived. Permits will be issued within 20 minutes of receipt of completed application received during our regular hours.
2. Permits shall be issued allowing these applicants to move during the Labor Day Holiday restriction hours. Permission to move during the Labor Day Holiday restrictions shall be specifically stated on the face of the permit.
3. Annual permit holders who have proof the movement is directly related to relief efforts (such as FEMA authorization, bill of lading showing the New Orleans area as the destination, other papers designating the purpose of the shipment, etc.) may move within the dimensions of the annual permit limits during the Labor Day Holiday restriction hours. The dimensions stated in the Rules cannot be exceeded for these movements.
4. Carriers will be subject to all restrictions listed on the permit issued by



CDOT, for example lighting requirements for night time movement or pilot escort on certain dimensional loads, etc.

5. Any motor carriers who operate without a Colorado permit assume all responsibility for making the unauthorized move.
6. Each Application must have attached an authorization letter from either FEMA or OEM directing that motor carrier to move loads in response to the state of emergency and disaster relief created by Hurricane Katrina.
7. In the event manufactured houses are moved, under Colorado law proof of public liability insurance must be submitted together with the application. No permit can be issued for manufactured houses without such proof of insurance.
8. The waiver of the fees and the expedited permit issuance will remain in place from today through October 31, 2005.